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SUBJECT: U.S.-CAMBODIAN RELATIONS: PRESIDENTIAL COMMISSION
ON MISSING-IN-ACTION VISIT TO SOUTHEAST ASIA

REF: STATE 52259

1. THE PRESIDENTIAL COMMISSION ON MISSING-IN-ACTION WOULD
LIKE TO MEET WITH CAMBODIAN OFFICIALS DURING ITS VISIT TO
SOUTHEAST ASIA. (WE ARE REPEATING REFTEL WHICH GIVES
ITINERARY AND MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMISSION AND STAFF).

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THEY THEREFORE PROPOSE TO ASK THE KHMER FOR AN APPOINTMENT
WITH THE CAMBODIAN AMBASSADOR AT A SUITABLE POINT ON THEIR
ITINERARY.

2. ACCORDINGLY, PLEASE CONVEY THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO THE
CAMBODIAN EMBASSY ORALLY WITH AN ACCOMPANYING AIDE-MEMOIRE:
"PRESIDENT CARTER HAS APPOINTED A GROUP OF DISTINGUISHED

AMERICANS TO A COMMISSION WHICH WILL TRAVEL TO SOUTHEAST ASIA SEEKING INFORMATION AND REMAINS OF AMERICANS MISSING OR UNACCOUNTED FOR DURING THE RECENT WAR. THE COMMISSION IS ALSO EMPOWERED TO LISTEN TO THE VIEWS OF THE CONCERNED GOVERNMENTS ON OTHER MATTERS OF MUTUAL INTEREST. THE COMMISSION WILL REPORT DIRECTLY BACK TO THE PRESIDENT AFTER ITS TRAVELS. THE PRESIDENT IS, OF COURSE, ANXIOUS TO

RESOLVE THE HUMANITARIAN PROBLEM OF AN ACCOUNTING FOR MISSING AMERICANS AND THUS END THE UNCERTAINTY OF MANY AMERICAN FAMILIES.

THE COMMISSION WOULD THEREFORE BE GRATEFUL FOR AN OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH A KHMER REPRESENTATIVE AT AN APPROPRIATE LOCATION IN SOUTHEAST ASIA. THE PRESIDENTIAL COMMISSION WILL BE IN HANOI MARCH 16-18 AND EXPECTS TO BE IN VIENTIANE BETWEEN MARCH 19-21."
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